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PHONE NUMBERS Emergency

911

Houston Police Non-Emergency # 713-884-3131

KVCC Patrol **SEAL Security** 713-561-5757

Poison Control 800-222-1222

Animal Control 713-238-9600

All City Depts 311

Mayor's Office 713-247-2200

Harris County Flood Control 713-684-4197

Street Light Replacement 713-207-2222

President's Report

April Hearne

Dear Neighbors,

As we wrap up another year in Knollwood Village, I'm excited to share updates about our neighborhood and highlight some opportunities to get involved. Whether you're a longtime resident or new to our community, your contributions and engagement make all the difference.

Feature Story: Linkwood Community Center - A Hub for **Community Connection**

This edition of the Knollwood Village Voice features an interview with Justin Thomas at the Linkwood Community Center, located next to Longfellow Elementary and Linkwood Park. The community center offers free programs and activities for all ages, from Zumba classes and senior social hours to "Mommy

and Me" activities and after-school programs with free meals for kids. You can stop by anytime during business hours to learn more and use the facilities.

Budget Updates and Security Patrol Adjustments

As of November 15, we were 51 homes short of our budgeted collections for the year, equating to a shortfall of \$13,484. To address this, we proactively reduced expenses by \$7,581, primarily by scaling back the social events budget and reducing security patrol hours. Despite these adjustments, we are left with a net deficit of \$5,903 for the year.

The good news is that we can eliminate this deficit if just 20 more homes contribute before the end of the year. *Will you be one of them?* Your \$55 dues payment and \$235 security contribution directly support the security patrol, deed restriction enforcement, and community events in our neighborhood.

Visit www.knollwoodvillage.org/contribute to make your payment today and help us close the gap.

2025 Goals and Budget

As we plan for 2025, our focus remains on maintaining the safety, beauty, and connection that make Knollwood Village special. Key priorities include:

- Continuing to enforce deed restrictions
- Providing funding for our security patrol
- Increasing communication through newsletters and email updates
- Supporting events like National Night Out and decorating contests

To achieve these goals, we need robust participation in dues payments and security contributions. We can meet our goals and maintain a balanced budget with everyone's support.

Stay Connected: Join Our Email List

Join our email list to stay informed about events like meetings, social activities, or opportunities like the recent tree giveaway. It's easy—visit www.knollwoodvillage.org and sign up. Don't miss out on important updates and reminders.

Upcoming General Meeting

Save the date! Our next General Meeting is on Tuesday, January 23, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the Linkwood Community Center. Join us to discuss neighborhood updates and help guide the future of our community.

Holiday Decorating Contest

Let's spread some holiday cheer! The annual Holiday Decorating Contest is right around the corner. Light up your home and show off your festive spirit. Look for contest details via email and on our website.

Thank You, Bevin Barrett!

After five wonderful years as Social Committee Chair, Bevin Barrett is stepping down at the end of this year. Bevin's dedication and creativity have been instrumental in organizing events like the Fall Festival and National Night Out, bringing our community closer together. We are deeply grateful for her service.

With her departure, we're seeking new members for the Social Committee. If you're interested in planning events that bring neighbors together, we'd love to have you join. It's a fantastic way to make a difference while connecting with others in the neighborhood.

Thank you all for making Knollwood Village such a special place to live. Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season and a happy New Year.

Warmly,

April Hearne



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A Community Center That Cares

An Interview with Justin Thomas at the Linkwood Community Center

Please introduce yourself and tell us about the Linkwood Community Center.

Justin: My name is Justin Thomas. I am the Community Recreation Supervisor at Linkwood Community Center. I've been here for about two years, running programs and activities for both children and the community. We also plan special events, all of which are 100% free.

The Linkwood Community Center is provided by the City of Houston and operates under the Houston Parks Department. Our aim is to create a welcoming space where everyone can come together, connect, and enjoy meaningful programs and services. Our staff is wonderful. We have Ms. Kimberly Washington, Ms. Robin Harrison, and Ms. Nayeoman. Ms. Robin runs our after-school program and a walking club. Mis. Kimberly leads a "Mommy and Me" program with arts and crafts, stretch and grow activities, and a partnership with the library for storytime. We also have a girls' mentorship program for ages 10 to 14 led by Ms. Kimberly and Ms. Robin, with planned outings like a movie field trip.

What programs and services do you offer to the community?

Justin: We provide free recreational resources and strive to create a





safe space for everyone. Our programs span from seniors to children, including offerings like Zumba, senior fitness classes, and a senior social hour for community bonding. We also offer a free meal program during our afterschool program.

How does the free meal program work?

Justin: We offer free meals and snacks to anyone 18 and under. Meals are served from 3 PM to 5 PM, and snacks from 5 PM to 6 PM. Children do not need to be enrolled in any specific program to receive a meal—all they need to do is stop by and sign in.

What are your hours? Can people pop in to use the restroom or fill their water bottle? Justin: Yes, during our business hours, anyone is welcome to come in, use the restroom, or fill their water bottle. We're open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 7 PM, though I'm typically here at 8:30 AM for morning classes. On Saturdays, we're open once a month for special events.

What do you need from the community, and how can people get involved?

Justin: We're always looking for volunteers to bring their unique skills to our programs. This includes helping with classes, sharing expertise, or even leading a new initiative like a community garden. Joining Friends of Linkwood Park, becoming a volunteer, or adopting the park are also great ways to help. Advocating for park improvements through 311 requests *Continued on next page* or direct emails is also a powerful way to support us.

Do you accept high school students who need service hours or Scout groups?

Justin: Absolutely. High school students needing service hours are welcome, as are groups like Girl Scouts.

Can folks rent out the community center or park?

Justin: Facility rentals are free if the event is for a nonprofit and open to the public. We can waive fees for community-oriented events. However, private events like birthday parties do incur a small rental fee, which covers the cost of having the building open, staffed, and maintained during the event. Outdoor spaces can also be reserved with permits to ensure semiprivate use for families or groups.

Linkwood Community Center Class Schedule

Zumba Class

Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:00pm to 6:45pm Dance your way to fitness in this highenergy class!

Senior Fitness Classes

Tuesdays from 10:00am - 11:00am Join us for a free fitness class tailored for seniors! Focus on strength, balance, flexibility, and endurance with a fun variety of exercises.

Mommy & Me

Tuesdays from 11:00am - 12:00pm Enjoy quality time with your little one! This class promotes bonding, socialization, and new skills through engaging activities.

Girls Teen Club

Wednesdays from 5:30pm - 6:15pm A mentorship program designed for young girls.

Senior Social Hour

Wednesdays from 10:00am - 11:00am A fun and free hour of games and activities designed to bring together our active seniors for socializing and recreation.

Treasurer's Report

Michelle Jarrell, Treasurer

Dear Neighbors,

As of November 15, we are currently 51 homes short of our budgeted collections for the year, which equates to a shortfall of approximately \$13,484. In anticipation of lower dues collections, we reduced our expenses for the year by \$7,581, leaving us with a net deficit for the year of (\$5,903).

If you have not yet contributed, please consider doing so. Your contribution of \$290 goes to support the beautification and security of our beloved neighborhood. We've made it super easy to contribute:

- Mail a check to Knollwood Village Civic Club, PO Box 20801, Houston, TX 77225
- Pay using Zelle make payment to <u>treasurer@knollwoodvillage.org</u> (there is no fee for Zelle!)
- Pay using Paypal, by visiting our website at knollwoodvillage.org and click CONTRIBUTE

Although paying online is convenient, PayPal charges a fee for this service. It averages ~\$11 for each contribution so please consider saving us money by mailing a check or using the Zelle feature from your banking app.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at treasurer@knollwoodvillage.org.

Sincerely,

Michelle

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Security Report

David Wood, Security Chair

The Knollwood Village security incidents reported below are compiled from reports that residents make to S.E.A.L. Security Solutions (SEAL), crime data from the Houston Police Department that is available on the internet, and reports from residents. Information available on the crime data website is limited to the basic details of block number, date, time, and type of crime.

NOTE: Please report all criminal incidents to both HPD and SEAL Security. This reporting redundancy is important. HPD allocates their patrol resources to areas that report incidents. It is to Knollwood Village's benefit to report all incidents that occur here to HPD so we can have additional HPD patrols. In addition, SEAL Security does not receive HPD reports so if SEAL is not informed our SEAL officer will not know what to be on the lookout for during patrols. Also, SEAL provides a detailed history of reported incidents to the KVCC and that record is one of the sources of information used to compile our quarterly newsletter report which helps keep residents informed about how the criminals operate so deterrent measures can be made more effective.

If you notice any persons in the neighborhood who are behaving suspiciously please call the Houston Police Department's non-emergency phone number, which is 713-884-3131, and report them. After you report the suspicious person(s) to HPD please call SEAL Security at 713-561-5757, and report the suspicious person(s) to them.

If, however, you see a crime in progress, such as a person breaking the window of a house or kicking in a door, then call 911, the City of Houston's emergency number, to report it.

Knollwood Village is in Precinct 7 of the Harris County Constable's office. The patrol dispatch number for the Precinct 7 Constable's office is 713-643-6602. The Houston Police Department should always be called first at their non-emergency number listed above, but feel free to call the Precinct 7 Constable second. If a Constable officer happens to be patrolling in the area they may be able to respond to a call more quickly than HPD officers patrolling further away.

Your annual KVCC dues pay for this security patrol.

Fall Incidents (Mid August to October 2024)

3400 block Gannett (8/4/24, Sunday, 8:18 AM) - Caller reported there was a fight in the street at approximately 6:00 AM.

3100 block Deal (8/14/24, Wednesday, 2:35 AM) - Caller reported they heard someone walking around outside their house. Patrol officer checked the perimeter of the house. All was secure, with no sign of anyone around.

Bevlyn at Gannett (8/27/24, Tuesday, 7:04 PM) - Resident reported that a male had just rung their doorbell and walked away. Resident also said he had rung it the previous night. The officer made contact with the male and asked him to leave the neighborhood. He and his employer entered a truck and left the area.

Greenbush and Deal (8/30/24, Friday, 5:54 PM) - Caller reported a male was seen walking around the neighborhood knocking on doors. The information was passed on to the patrol officer.

3000 block Linkwood (8/31/24, Saturday, 8:00 PM) - Theft from Motor Vehicle.

3100 block Deal (9/7/24, Saturday, 5:23 PM) - Caller reported that a male hired to do lawn service returned and took sod off the ground after not completing the work. The information was passed on to the oncoming patrol officer.

2800 block Ashwood (9/10/24, Tuesday, 9:30 PM) - While conducting patrols, the officer observed an open back door at a residence. The officer made contact with the homeowner and let them know to let the officer know if they needed anything. The resident stated nothing was missing from the house.

2900 block Fairhope (10/3/24, Thursday, 11:00 AM) - Theft from Motor Vehicle.

3100 block Norris (10/5/24, Saturday, 4:00 PM) - Burglary, Breaking and Entering.

8500 block Bluegate (10/9/24, Wednesday, 10:32 PM) - Officer documented a vehicle parked inappropriately in front of a residence.

Conway and Stanton (10/15/24, Tuesday, 3:00 AM and 4:00 AM) - Officer observed open garage doors at two different residences. The officer observed the properties and reported that nothing suspicious was observed.

3000 block Castlewood (10/15/24, Tuesday, 12:30 PM) - Officer was dispatched regarding a male painting address signs. The officer made contact with the subject and discovered that he had been painting address signs for years in the neighborhood. The officer spoke with a resident on the block who also recognized the subject. No further action was taken.

2900 block Ashwood (10/15/24, Tuesday, 2:09 PM) - Resident advised officer of a male who had been knocking on their door several times over the past thirty minutes. The officer searched the area and surrounding streets but was unable to locate the individual.

8500 block Greenbush (10/16/24, Wednesday, 1:18 AM) - Patrol observed an open gate at a house under construction. The officer secured the gate and continued to patrol. Later during patrol the officer observed that the gate was open again. HPD was notified and when HPD arrived the patrol officer explained what they had observed. HPD looked around the exterior of the house and advised patrol to contact them again if they observed any suspicious activitity.

8100 block Lorrie (10/19/24, Saturday, 10:00 AM) - Patrol officer observed a breach in the fence at a house under construction. Nothing suspicious was observed.

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ACC Report

Joe Powers, Chair

10/24/2024 2803 Stanton Replacem	ent Fence Replacement fence request for corner lot of Stanton at Lorrie.
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It's been very quiet ACC project submission-wise since our last report at the Neighborhood Meeting at Linkwood Park in September (as you can tell by the one line spreadsheet). I suspect that folks have been waiting to see how the elections went and/or hoping to see interest rates go down, or both. We are now coming into the holidays, which is normally light on submissions, but I expect that folks will be getting geared up to submit early next year.

In case you haven't had a chance to review the Security Fence Guidelines, typical fences (like wood privacy fences) are only allowed up to the setback line on front setbacks for interior lots and up to the front and side setbacks for corner lots. If your proposed fence is going to extend beyond the platted setback lines for structures, then it is required to comply with the Security Fence Guidelines.

I hope that you all have a great holiday season, and remember to keep those view triangles clear on the corner lots.

Joe

Get Involved.

We need new volunteers for 2025 to join the KVCC committees and Board.

It does not require many hours of your time, just your passion to help perserve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

Interested?

Please email president@knollwoodvillage.org.

Braeswood Super Neighborhood Update

Cheryl O'Brien

The Braeswood Super Neighborhood (BSN) is excited to see the completion of the new pedestrian bridge soon! We expect for it to be formally opened by the end of the year. We will send out an announcement when it officially is ready to be used.

The BSN is actively meeting with the city and county regarding traffic control measures on both North and South Braeswood as you approach the new bridge. We hope to have some sort of pedestrian controlled flashing light system installed. There are some barriers to obtaining that type of traffic control that we are hoping to overcome. We are also looking at signage and lane markings in the street. We want the entry and exit from the bridge to be as safe as possible for crossing the street. In the meantime, we urge everyone to observe the posted speed limit and watch for people crossing the street.

In other news,

- 1. The city and Centerpoint have restarted discussion on bridge lighting, specifically the Buffalo Speedway Bridge. Our original plans for lighting were waylaid by Centerpoint. The discussions now include all the bridges from Buffalo Speedway to the Meyerland area all the way west to Hillcroft.
- 2. The Friends of Linkwood Park is working on starting Phase II of the park renovations. Phase I was the installation of the toddler play area located on the west side of the building. Phase II would include improvements to the tennis courts, possible markings for pickleball by the basketball pavilion and a playground designed for older children. The building needs new acrylic windows, caulking, paint and new flooring.
- 3. Trees for Houston hosts multiple tree give-aways each year and we hope to host one with them in the spring at the workout pavilion next to the pedestrian bridge.
- 4. There are also ongoing talks between several of the neighborhoods about collaborating on the landscaping and maintenance of the adopted esplanades and possibly adopting the remain few along Buffalo Speedway by the Starbucks that are not currently adopted by any civic group.

Enjoy the holiday season!

Cheryl

Social Committee Update

Your Knollwood Village Civic Club (KVCC) hosted National Night Out on Tuesday October 1st and a Fall Festival on Sunday October 27th. We had dozens of neighbors in attendance enjoying refreshments and the opportunity to connect with neighbors. We want to thank Claudia & Don Mason for sharing Bailey Park with the neighborhood, and Don Mason & Judy Minshew for providing live music. Thank you to Suzanne Ludlow for helping plan the event, and to Charmaine Jackson Feldman & Dave Feldman for help

with set up and clean up. Thank you to Katy & Jan Butterwick and Jaime Gonzalez for help with fliers and set-up. Events like these strengthen our neighborhood making it a safer (and more fun!) place to live. Please support events like this by paying your annual KVCC dues, so we can continue to host them!

Do you love holiday decorating? Our neighborhood does too! We just completed our Halloween decorating contest, and will have a winter holiday decorating contest towards the end of December. Winners will receive yard signs, bragging rights, and a small prize!

Knollwood Village Civic Club

volunteers, Ann Huete & Don Bott, judged our 2024 Halloween decorating contest for the neighborhood. They generously donated fall gift baskets with an Amazon gift cards to the four winning houses. We appreciate all the neighbors for making Halloween so festive this year!

Lastly, we will be in search of a new Social Committee Chair after Bevin Barrett steps down after 5 years of volunteering. Our neighborhood really benefits from bringing our neighbors together regularly with fun events, and if you have time to make a few phone calls and spend an hour or two at a neighborhood event, the neighborhood can use your help! We know everyone is busy, but if you have a few hours once a year to help with an event, you will truly make a difference in your community. Please reach out to <u>president@knollwoodvillage.org</u> for more details.

Halloween Decorating Contest Winners



First Place: 2903 Prescott





2nd Place: 8534 Hatton



3rd Place: 3123 Gannett



4th Place: 2803 Stanton

What Is Knollwood Village?

A Map of the Lots and Sections in Our Neighborhood

Knollwood Village is made up of 624 homes divided into 11 sections. Each section has its own Deed Restrictions. Find this map and more info at knollwoodvillage.org.







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Braeswood Place Moms Club (BPMC)

We are a wonderful community of moms living in Braeswood Place and the surrounding neighborhoods in Houston, TX.

As friends and neighbors, we support and encourage each other as we explore the journey of motherhood.

If you would like to join our community of moms, check out our website at <u>braeswoodplacemomsclub.com</u>.

All membership, sponsor, or event host inquiries can be sent to our President, Alyssa Simmons, through <u>braeswoodplacemoms@gmail.com</u>.

Use this QR code to view the BPMC website:



Longfellow Elementary School Update

Last month, we had a fantastic time at Literacy Night and kicked off our Parent University series! Our annual Fall Festival was a highlight, beginning with a "Spooktacular" performance by Longfellow's Orchestra, followed by fun games, a haunted stage, the dunk tank, and activities assisted by the Bellaire National Honor Society students.

Upcoming Events

- 80 Days of School Celebration December 13
- 90 Days of School Celebration January 13
- **100 Days of School Celebration** January 28

College Day

Every Wednesday is Longfellow College Day! Leopards are encouraged to wear a favorite college shirt with uniform

bottoms to show our college-bound spirit. This is voluntary, and students not participating should wear their standard uniform.

Looking Ahead:

We're excited for more events, including Spirit Nights, a Valentine's Dance, and additional educational activities.

Go Leopards!

-Longfellow PTO







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Knollwood Village Reminders

Yard Maintenance

Proper yard maintenance is required by both Deed Restrictions and City Ordinance. Recently, the City has issued citations to several property owners for non-compliance. Please ensure your yard is maintained by cutting your grass and clearing any debris on your lot. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dog Leash Policy

Reports of unleashed dogs have increased in the neighborhood. By law, dogs must be on a leash whenever they are off their owner's property. Violators can face fines, and repeat offenders risk having their dogs confiscated. Even if your dog is well-trained, please comply with the law to ensure everyone feels safe and comfortable.

Waste & Recycling Schedule

- Regular Trash Collection: Thursdays
- Heavy Trash Collection: 3rd Monday of each month
 - Tree Waste: Collected on the 3rd Monday of odd months
 - Junk Waste: Collected on the 3rd Monday of even months
- Recycling: Every other Thursday

To help residents stay informed, Houston Solid Waste Management offers the HTX Collects mobile app, which provides reminders and helpful tools for waste and recycling collection.

The 411 on 311

Houston's 311 service is a non-emergency resource for residents to address various city-related issues, such as:

- Service requests (e.g., trash collection, pothole repair, streetlight outages, graffiti removal, water leaks)
- Inquiries about city services (e.g., recycling, bulk waste pickup, neighborhood cleanups)
- Reporting ordinance violations (e.g., illegal dumping, noise complaints, improper parking, overgrown lots)

You can contact 311 by:

- Calling the hotline
- Downloading the Houston 311 mobile app
- Visiting the online portal at <u>houstontx.gov/311</u>

Utilizing 311 is a quick and convenient way to keep our neighborhood clean, safe, and compliant with city regulations!

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Check out our neighborhood website to:

- See current news
- Pay Dues
- View Deed Restrictions
- Submit for Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Review
- Learn about projects in our neighborhood
- Read archived newsletters
- Contact the KVCC Board
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General Meeting

January 21, 2025 Linkwood Community Center 6:30 pm

Open to all Knollwood Village Residents and community members. **Please join us.**